

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 127
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A RESOLUTION to recognize and congratulate Frank Grisanti
upon being selected as the 1997-98 President of
the Tennessee Restaurant Association.

WHEREAS, the elected officials of the State of Tennessee wish to recognize
outstanding citizens who have made extraordinary achievements in their chosen field and their
community; and

WHEREAS, Frank A. Grisanti has been chosen as President of the Tennessee
Restaurant Association for 1997-98; and

WHEREAS, a native of Memphis, Mr. Grisanti became interested in the service industry
while working with his father, renowned restaurateur, John Grisanti; and

WHEREAS, prior to his exemplary tenure in the restaurant industry, Frank Grisanti was
educated at Memphis State University and the Michigan State Hotel Institute; and

WHEREAS, after gaining valuable experience in fine Italian dining, Frank Grisanti
became a partner with his father in the very popular Grisanti's Restaurant from 1964-1972; and

WHEREAS, Frank Grisanti's, under Mr. Grisanti's expert ownership and management,
lavishes its clientele with delicious entrees, fine wines and excellent Oysters Rockefeller; and

WHEREAS, he is an active member of in numerous professional organizations, including
the American Culinary Federation, the National Restaurant Association and the Memphis
Restaurant Association; and

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WHEREAS, Frank also serves as co-chair of the Tennessee Hospitality Education Committee and the Director of the Tennessee Tourism Roundtable; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Grisanti received certification as an executive chef from the prestigious American Culinary Federation; he is also a certified maitre rotisseur from Chaine des Rotisseurs in Paris, France; and

WHEREAS, his stellar tenure in the restaurant industry has earned him numerous honors, such as the 1995 Tennessee Restaurateur of the Year, Christian Brothers Hall of Fame and president of the Local Chapter of the American Culinary Federation; and

WHEREAS, despite all the demands placed upon him, Frank Grisanti still finds time to lend his considerable talent as a member of U.N.I.C.O., the Tiger Club of the University of Memphis, Christian Brothers Men's Club and the Christian Brothers Alumni Association; and

WHEREAS, Frank is most appreciative of the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Ellen Larkin Grisanti, and his two children, Frank, Jr. and Larkin; and

WHEREAS, Frank Grisanti is especially proud of his son's success with their restaurant, Grisanti's Bolla Pasta, of which Frank, Sr. is a managing partner; and

WHEREAS, his admirable perseverance, many meritorious accomplishments and his intense dedication make Frank Grisanti a great success in the restaurant business; and

WHEREAS, Frank Grisanti devotes considerable time and energy to ensure the satisfaction of every customer and employee; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly feels it appropriate to bestow an enduring honor on this leader of restaurant management and active community supporter; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and congratulate Mr. Frank A. Grisanti, President of the Tennessee Restaurant Association, as a leading restaurateur and businessman, and commend

his Frank Grisanti's Restaurant in Memphis for its outstanding dining experience and its innovative contribution to the restaurant business.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.